

MARTIN COUNTY *Minnesota Territorial* CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Fairmont, Minnesota

July 1-2-3-4
1949

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MARTIN COUNTY

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



--- Featuring ---

The Nightly Spectacle

"CENTORAMA"

(A Century Of Drama)

July 1, 2, 3, 4 - 1949

Given by and for the citizens of Martin county in appreciation
of the friendly co-operation and good fellowship of its
citizens and complimentary to those who in former
times have made this county their home.

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Fairmont Canning Co.

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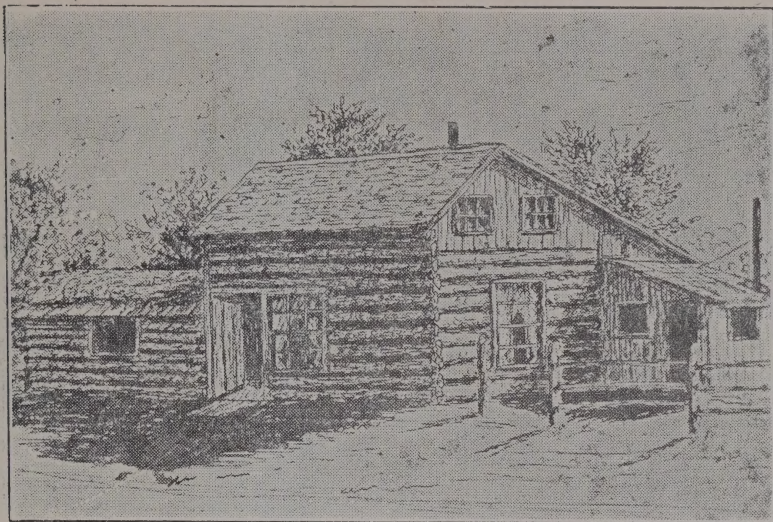
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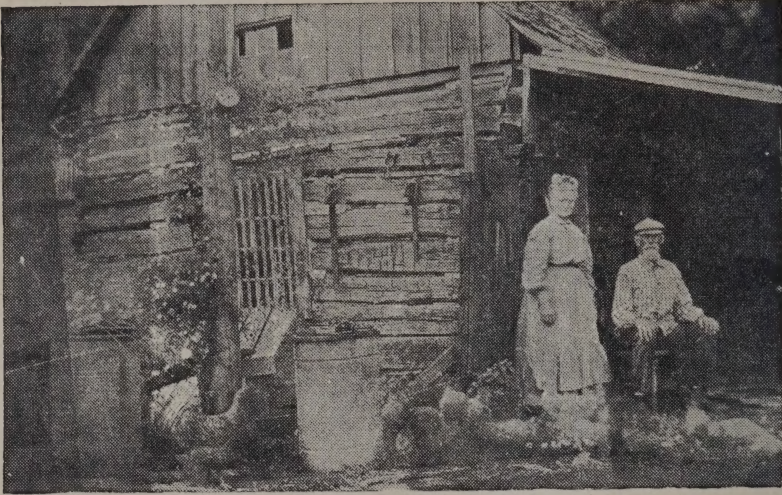


WILLIAM H. BUDD CABIN

First cabin in Fairmont was erected by William H. Budd. It stood on the east side of Albion avenue on Budd Hill. The coffin in which was buried the first white person who died in the county was made in this cabin and of lumber hauled from Mankato. Here also was taught the first term of school in the county.



SCENE ABOVE DEPICTS EARLY DAY PICNIC
Dinner on the Fourth of July. It was enacted at the Dunnell celebration.



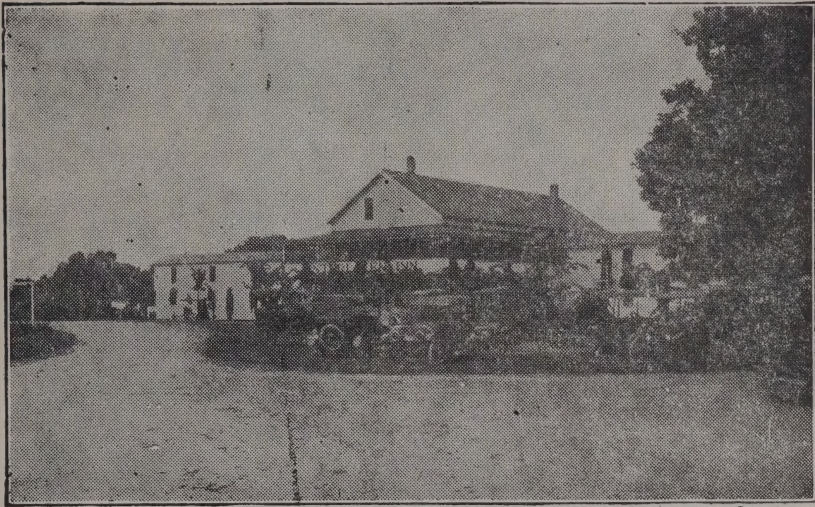
LOG CABIN

of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Loring. Picture was taken in 1910.



TRUMAN'S GRAND GOLDEN JUBILEE

attended by thousands on June 17-18, was spark-plugged to success by "Centennialists" like Ernest Kettner, handing a check to Schoolmaster Larson while Fiddler John Berg and County Celebration Chairman Don Peterson (Truman Tribune Editor) smile their approval.



INTERLAKEN INN OF LONG AGO

Frank Wade's Interlaken Park was a show place and "go" place back in the teens and twenties. Popular Interlaken Inn enjoyed summer guests from residents of many bordering states. The building was torn down in 1945.



The "Honorable" Kangaroo Kourt Judge Frank W. Shutt (the one in the plaid "robe") and his assistants who showed no mercy when confronted with the "smooth-faced" gentry of the county, during the many sessions of the Kourt prior to the celebration.



REPLICA OF TRUMAN'S BIG GOLDEN JUBILEE celebration held June 17-18, is pictured above held by lovely wives of Corwin Van Brunt and Leslie Boler. Picture was taken at one of the village's pre-celebration get-togethers.



OLD DOBBIN came in for featured attractions at community celebrations throughout the county. Pictured above is granddad's buggy driven by Buck Mathwig and Lila Mae Jorgenson at Dunnell.

An Expression Of Appreciation

When a community undertakes to proudly celebrate its 100th birthday, and to fittingly commemorate the deeds of those who played a part in its founding and development, nothing is more important than the willingness of public-spirited citizens to accept individual responsibility and to offer their best in cooperation and sacrifice. Of almost equal importance is the willingness of the organized groups to lend the constructive force of combined effort.

When the preparation period comes to a close and the celebration itself is being enjoyed, the two little words, "Thank You," sound inadequate indeed.

However, because it is so justly deserved, we take this means of sincerely expressing our appreciation to the following:

Our subscribers whose financial contributions made the celebrations possible throughout the county deserve first thought.

Our committees who served so loyally; the American Legion who so generously loaned us the use of their Legion hall; the organizations and communities that sponsored various events and activities; the members of the cast of "Martin County's Centorama" who have made it possible to present the pageant-spectacle; the Newcomers Club for soliciting the signatures in this booklet; to all these we extend our thanks. We thank the 4-H club for advance ticket sales.

There are many individuals not mentioned in this program to whom we owe thanks. Our Centennial Headquarters staff worked long and tirelessly. To this loyal group we say "thank you." Sharing in our gratitude is a score of volunteer workers who gave freely of their time. Membership of many fraternal, religious, civic, veteran and social groups assisted in making our daily programs possible.

Our Queens throughout the county and their Courts of Honor contestants, our Patrons and Patronesses, the merchants who gave window space for antique displays and decorated their building fronts, those who entered floats and other units in the parades, the men and women who distributed publicity material and to all others, too numerous to mention, who aided in making our Centennial Celebration a reality, we sincerely say . . . "THANK YOU."

May a strong spirit of cooperative effort and individual service live through the coming century, and may our citizens take a re-kindled pride in their heritage of history—a new faith in tomorrow. They have closed ranks in a common cause that ours may be a finer county with a stronger instinct for working together.

Gratefully,

MARTIN COUNTY CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

Don Peterson, Chairman



DON PETERSON

Our Own Hardware

Fairmont Electric and Hardware

J. F. Haackel
Fairmont National Bank

J. M. Johnson
First National Bank

Frank Enderbe
K S U M

G. F. Haderley
Martin County National Bank

as Fred
Concrete Construction

Peterson & Lander
Peterson Electric

Andrew Gratto
Fairmont Cast Stone

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Fairmont Printing Co.

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Model Bakery and Sweet Shop

E. E. Olson James + Pauline Chapman

Olson Funeral Home of
Fairmont and Truman

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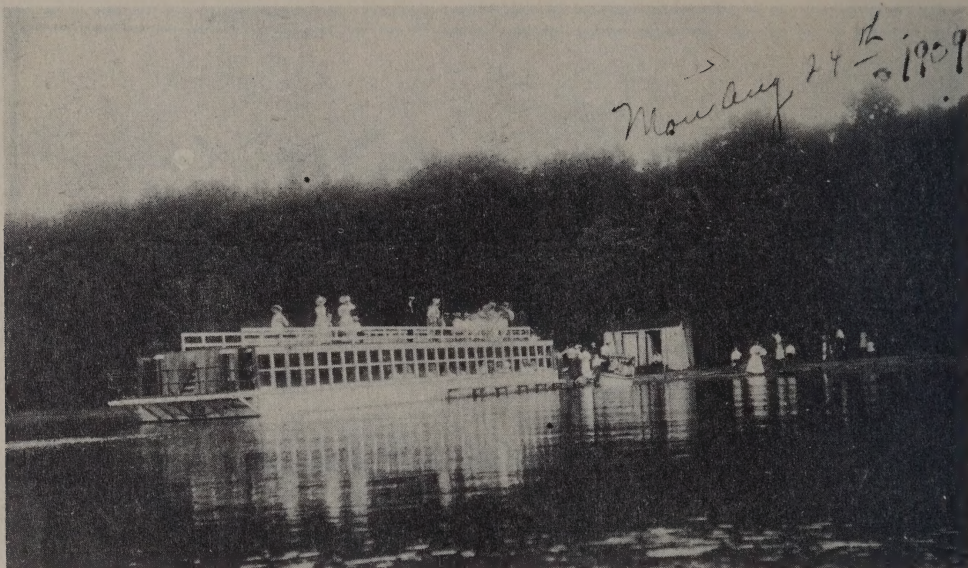
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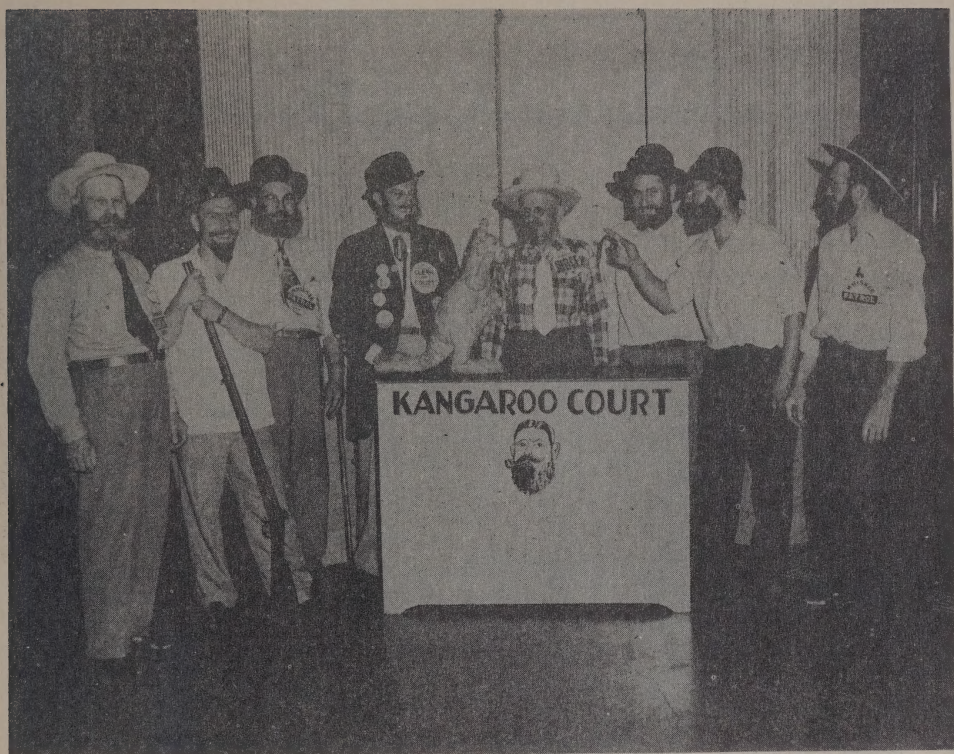
Mon Aug 24th 1909



BOAT AND BUGGY DAYS early in the century found Fairmont's lakes thoroughfares of activity. The "Concord", built in Fairmont and more than 100 feet long, carried many from Fairmont's boat-landing at the west end of Webster street on Sisseton lake, to Hazelmere or Interlaken Park on Hall lake. Originally a stern-wheeler, it made many trips daily on Sundays and holidays and often the old two-decker was the scene of dancing, and outing parties. It was torn apart in the mid-twenties and two houses built from the salvaged lumber.

Aug 18th 1909





KANGAROO KOURT

Outstanding in keeping the coming Centennial Celebration foremost in the minds of citizens and creating celebration spirit was the Kangaroo Kourt. The first session was held in March and continued each Saturday through July 4, 1949. It became widely known as a result of weekly broadcasts over radio station KSUM, Fairmont. Frank Endersbe and 'Ev' Ort were the announcers. The Kourt appeared at all the celebrations in the county. Sentences "Doled out" were the results of careful planning and in many instances, resulted in aiding worthy causes as well as causing fun for participants and spectators.

Shown above, left to right are: William Ostwald, Harry G. Welchlin and Soren Olson, patrolmen; Clerk of Kourt and Whisker chairman Rolland R. Markquart, High Judge Frank W. Shutt, Patrolmen Ward I. Lynn, Harold C. Anderson and Vern Hardt. Faithfuls like Chief Constable Walter Culp, who wore one of the finest examples of 'facial fungus'; handsome Russel L. Ziemer and dependable Allan Johnston as Patrolmen, and Mayor K. M. Brown as Lower Judge, were out on official business when the above picture was snapped by Photographer E. W. Eickelberg.

Transitional Race History

In 1805, Lewis Cass found this tribe of Winnebago Indians on their native hunting grounds, at what is now Green Bay, Wisconsin. He estimated 4,500 natives in the villages. A queen then presided over the tribes. They were shifted from Green Bay to Fon Du Lac, Portage and Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin. In 1853 they were removed to Winnebago, Blue Earth, East Chain, Ceylon and Fox Lake, Minnesota, in what was known as neutral Indian country. Their chief, Ah-La-Chea-Ga, headed several of the tribes in Martin County, from 1853 until their removal to the Winnebago reservation, at what is now Winnebago, Nebraska, where their descendants still reside in peace and own their own land in severalty.



AH-LA-CHEA-GA

THE LEFT-HANDED ONE

of 92. He was buried at LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

It is thrilling to know that these peaceful Indians were our predecessors. They lived by farming, hunting and fishing, the same as we do. Their main villages were East Chain, Ceylon, Fairmont, Fox Lake at Sherburn, and the north end of Martin Lake.

The names of the early missionary soldiers, teachers, etc., will now become available to Martin County historians, from literature prepared by Charles Phil Hexom, the author.

It has been a great honor and pleasure to present to Martin County an accounting of so much of its authentic and colorful history of so long ago.

Credit is due Allen L. Moore and Gene Campbell.

Indian and Tribal Lore, Centennial Committee, 1949

JAMES M. CHILDS, Chairman

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PATRONS
BOX SEATS

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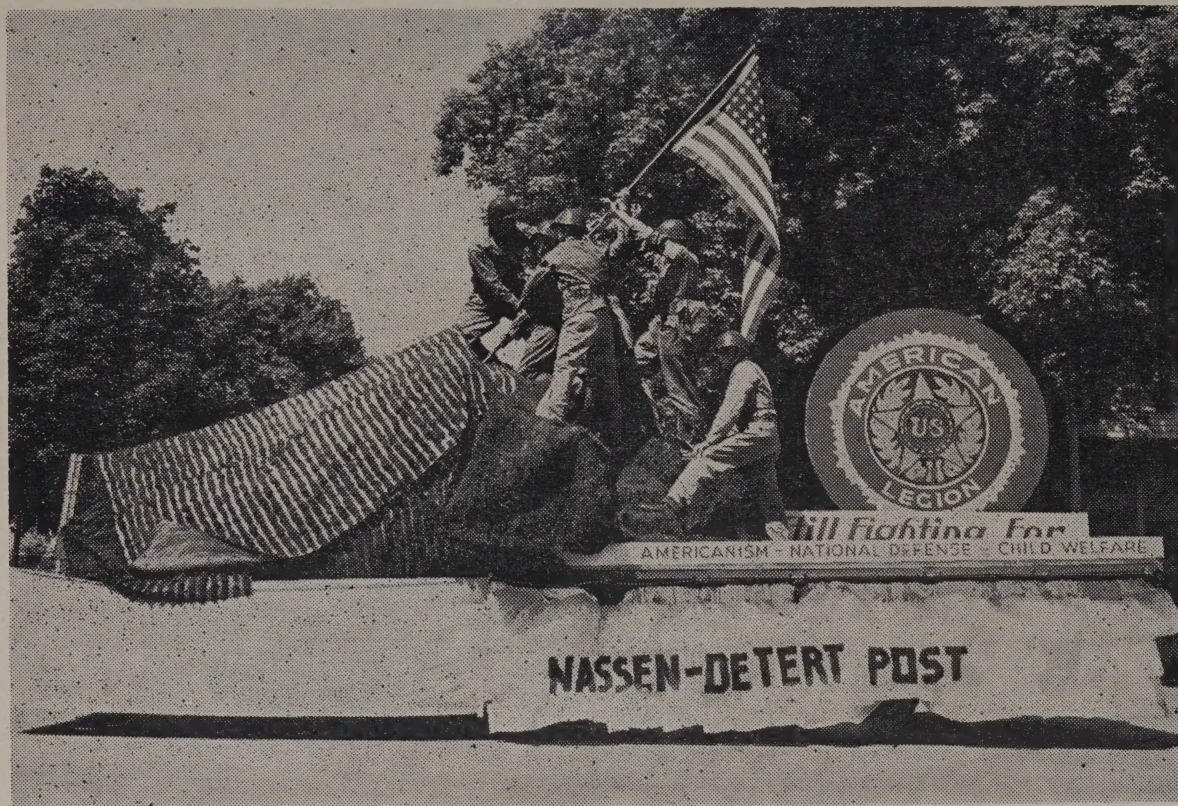
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* Denotes guests

This includes reservations made to time of publication of booklet.

Ceylon Legion Post Produces Striking Float



THIRD ANNUAL

Midwestern States

GOLDEN PALOMINO HORSE SHOW

FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 1949

MASTER OF CEREMONIES—JACK KING
RINGMASTER—EDWIN GRUBER
JUDGES—ROY C. DAVIS, FRED LARSEN

9:00 A. M.

1949—Colts, any sex, Bridle Path Type
1949—Colts, any sex, Stock Type
1948—Yearlings, any sex, Bridle Type
1948—Yearlings, any sex, Stock Type
Fillies—Foaled in 1947, Bridle Type
Fillies—Foaled in 1947, Stock Type
Stallions—Foaled in 1947, Bridle Type
Stallions—Foaled in 1947, Stock Type
Mares—Three years and over, Bridle Type
Mares—Three years and over, Stock Type
Stallions—Three years and over, Bridle Type
Stallions—Three years and over, Stock Type
Get of Sire Class—Stallion and three 1949 colts, any sex
Junior Champion Mare
Junior Champion Stallion

1:00 P. M.

GRAND ENTRY MARCH

Parade Class

Three Gaited open class—shown under English equipment, full tail and mane permitted.

Western Pleasure Class, under western equipment

Fine Harness Class—any sex

Pair Class shown under either English or western attire and equipment.

Non-registered Palominos Class, any sex or age

SAC CITY DRILL TEAM

Children Class shown under western or English equipment

Stock Horse Performance Class

Five Gaited Class shown under English equipment

Musical Chair

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion—Mare Stock Type

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion—Stallion Bridle Type

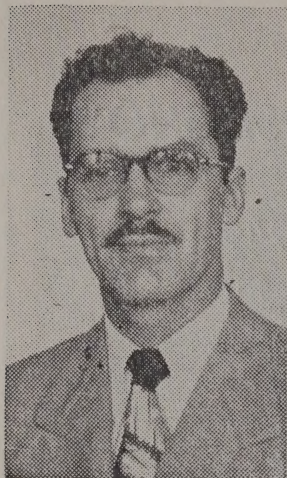
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion—Stallion Stock Type

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion—Mare Bridle Path Type

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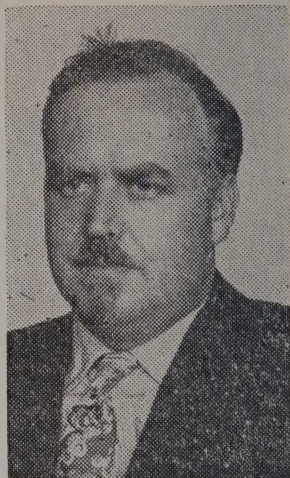
Ceylon Unity Club, Tri-Mont Booster Club, Truman Commercial Club, Fairmont Chamber of Commerce, Granada Businessmen, The Truman Tribune, Sherburn Businessmen's Association, Fairmont Junior Chamber of Commerce, Dunnell Commercial Club, Martin County Historical Society, the Horse Show Committee, and St. Paul Amusements, Inc.

GOLDEN PALOMINO HORSE SHOW CHAIRMEN



SCOOBY KING

The third annual Mid-western States Golden Palomino Horse Show, held at Fairmont on Sunday, July 3, was under the direction of Emil Wehler and Scooby King of Fairmont.



EMIL WEHLER



BIG BEARD CROP AT TRI-MONT

Throngs attending the Triumph-Monterey celebration June 23 saw one of the greatest crops of home-grown beards in the county. Pictured above is a group of Tri-Monters all in Centennial style whiskers.



ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE FLOATS
of the Granada Centennial parade was this covered wagon depicting the H. K. Lane family arriving in the Granada community.



HONORED GUESTS
at the first Centennial celebration in Martin County at Ormsby, Tuesday, May 17, were Mrs. Karen Olson, 82, of Galena, and Mrs. Marie Iverson, 81, of Ormsby. They have resided in the community over 80 years each, more than 30 years before the village was organized.

Minnesota Territorial Centennial

Community Celebrations

Martin County community celebrations have been named among the state's most outstanding in commemoration of the Minnesota Territorial Centennial. They made a unique prelude to the Martin County Centennial Celebration held at Fairmont July 1 - 2 - 3 - 4, 1949.

ORMSBY — Tuesday, May 17, 1949. Oldest residents honored by hundreds attending exercises.

DUNNELL — May 29 - 30. Unique two-day celebration attended by thousands. Governor Luther W. Youngdahl Memorial Day Speaker. Community Homecoming celebration high-lighted with striking pageant and free picnic.

CEYLON—June 5. A large crowd lined the streets to see on outstanding celebration parade; then attended ballgames and programs afternoon and evening.

WELCOME — June 6 - 7. Largest crowd in history of village. Big parade, carnival and old-time program.

SHERBURN — June 11-12. Outstanding program including the featured "White Squaw of Fox Lake" pageant, re-enactment of the bank robbery, and huge parade witnessed by thousands high-lighted the celebration.

GRANADA — June 14. Largest crowd witnessed village's greatest parade; attended special events and old-time get-together and program.

TRUMAN — June 17 - 18. Golden Jubilee and Centennial celebration attended by estimated 30,000. Huge parade, carnival and special events enjoyed by thousands.

EAST CHAIN — June 22. Hundreds witnessed queen coronation ceremony and splendid homespun Centennial program at East Chain school auditorium.

TRI-MONT — June 23. Thousands witnessed parade and attended ballgame, outstanding local talent program in the afternoon and colorful tableaux and fireworks at evening program.

Twin villages of Triumph and Monterey held the Tri-Mont Queen crowning ceremonies Monday, June 20.

Martin County Historical Society

Centennial Committees

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Martin County Historical Society and associates; J. E. Haycraft, honorary president; Mrs. J. A. Nightingale, president; Charles L. Larson, vice president; Mrs. Oscar L. Larson, John Calkins and Walter H. Norman, directors; George A. Barden, secretary and treasurer; Don Peterson, centennial committee general chairman; Mrs. Neil Huemoeller, Truman; Earl Wilkinson, Truman; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Valentine, Truman; Mrs. E. G. Swanson, Dunnell; Mrs. Phillip Bredberg, Dunnell.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Don Peterson, Truman, County Chm.

Mrs. Herb Kanning, Truman; Mrs. Howard Webb, Harry Bossuet, Emil Wehler, Arthur Edman, Uno Nelson, Walter Norman, George Welchlin, Bob Nelson and Mrs. J. A. Nightingale, Fairmont; Harry Bradt and Paul Peters, Sherburn; Lester Anderson, East Chain; John Koch, Tri-Mont; Joe Wickert, Ceylon; Lawrence Hinricks, Welcome; Hayden Lane, Granada; Hilding Nelson, Dunnell; E. E. Olson, Truman; Ed Becker, Northrop.

PUBLICITY DIVISION

Mrs. Howard Webb, Fairmont, General Chairman.

PRESS COMMITTEE

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Jim McAdams, Fairmont, County Coordinator

Ray Ott, Fairmont; Tom Dougherty, Fairmont; Bill Bicknase, Welcome; Lawrence Hinricks, Welcome; Dorothy Theobald, Sherburn; Patty Engel, Dunnell; Marlin Slater, East Chain; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Uhlig, Ceylon.

SPEAKERS COMMITTEE

Dr. R. A. Lund and Mrs. Amanda Plenge, Fairmont.

DECORATIONS COMMITTEE

Junior Chamber of Commerce, Fairmont.

RADIO COMMITTEE

Harold Shaw—KSUM.

SPECTACLE DIVISION

Mr. N. H. Mongeau, chairman.

TALENT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Howard Landhuis, chairman, and Mrs. Don Ringeisen, co-chairman, Fairmont; Mrs. Art Riem and Roy Miller, Welcome; Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Mathwig, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Nelson, Dunnell; Clara Schley, Ceylon; Mary Howard and Mrs. A. M. Becker, Sherburn; Mrs. Milford Roforth, Granada; Edwin Becker and Ed Leuth, Northrop; Mrs. A. L. Parsons, Tri-Mont; Mrs. John Calkins and Lena Miller, East Chain.

COSTUME, MAKE-UP

Mrs. DeLyle Lahart, Mrs. Bob Nelson, Mrs. Dale Mark, Mrs. Lloyd Hyde, Mrs. G. H. Borgwardt, Miss Sally Henningsen, Mrs. Marcella Sullivan, Mrs. O. M. Merry, Mrs. Lyman Coult, all of Fairmont; Mrs. Herb Kanning, Mrs. Dale Knoll and Mrs. LeRoy Hinds, Truman; Alternates—Mrs. Norman Rucks, Truman; Mrs. Brad Richardson and Mrs. E. A. Thayer, Fairmont.

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(COMMITTEES CONTINUED)

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MARTIN COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

Mrs. Hilda Thurston Taylor, Fairmont; Victor Mussman and Walter Riche, Welcome; Dorothy Theobald, Sherburn; Elmer Hovet, Tri-Mont; Edwin Becker, Northrop; Ernest Kettner, Truman.

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BOX SEATS

Harold Christianson, Fairmont, Chairman.

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TICKET COMMITTEE

Jim Gardner, Fairmont, Chairman

Walter Norman and Jack LeFor
Co-Chairmen of Ushers

Ray Haeckel, Fairmont; Mrs. Clarence Hartung and John Storbeck, Welcome; Dorothy Theobald and Harold Gibbons, Sherburn; Patty Engel, Dunnell; Lesttr Anderson, East Chain; John Koch, Triumph; Frank Uhlig, Ceylon; E. E. Olson, Truman; Frank Weber, Granada, and Roger Young, Fairmont.

NOVELTIES COMMITTEE

Ross Willis, Fairmont, Chairman

Lyle Becker and May Aukofer, Welcome; Bill Flygare and Alice Becker, Sherburn; Lester Anderson and Clemens Rudolph, East Chain; John Koch, Triumph; DeLancy Cantine, Truman.

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John Flynn, Fairmont, General Chairman; R. B. Evans and N. W. Grant, Fairmont.

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Wendell Christensen, Fairmont, County Chairman; Gene Nave, Fairmont, County Co-Chairman

Dr. C. E. Stolke, Harland Johnson, Clifford Racine, Jim Pearson and Howard Niss, Fairmont; Fred Huemoeller, Jr., and Alta Carsten, Truman; Mrs. Merle Young, Mrs. Frank Uhlig and Mrs. Frances Vohs, Ceylon; Mrs. Florence Mayo and Mrs. Barbara Blanchard, East Chain; Mrs. H. K. Lane, Mrs. Paul McCleary and Mrs. Frank Weber, Granada; Peter Frahm, Tri-Mont; Don Barts, Sherburn.

HISTORICAL DISPLAYS

Mrs. J. A. Nightingale and Jim Childs, Fairmont; Mrs. Oscar L. Larson, Sherburn; Mrs. Earl Welcome and Mrs. Janetta Schiek, Welcome.

PARADE COMMITTEE

Uno Nelson, Fairmont, County Chm.

Fairmont and County units—Bob Nelson and Milt Ternberg, Fairmont; Fairmont Floats—Mac Patton and Bob King, Fairmont; Policing and Parade Route—George Hultgren and John Sunderson, Fairmont; Harland Johnson, Fairmont; Paul Matthies, Welcome; Harold Gibbons, Sherburn; John Koch, Tri-Mont; Fred Huemoeller, Sr., Truman.

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Dolph Bezoier, Fairmont.

SPECIAL DAYS COMMITTEE

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WHISKER COMMITTEE

Rolly Markquart, Fairmont, Chairman
Frank Uhlig, Ceylon; Larry Paulson, Sherburn; Gordon Spielman, Triumph; Lawrence Hinricks, Welcome; William Olson, East Chain; Lutz Peterson, Dunnell Clyde Green, Granada Corvin Van Brunt, Truman. Northrop was to be handled in conjunction with Truman; Ormsby was to combine with Triumph and Monterey.

KANGAROO COURT OFFICIALS Fairmont

Judges—Frank Shutt, K. M. Brown. Clerk of Court—Rolly Markquart. Chief Constable—Walter Culp. Patrolmen—Harold Anderson, Soren Olson, Russ Ziemer, Allan Johnson, Ward Linn, William Ostwald, Harry

(COMMITTEES CONTINUED)

Welchlin, Vern Hardt.
Announcers—Frank Endersbe and Everett Ort; engineer, Walt Wilson, Station KSUM.
Publicity—Allan Johnson, the Sentinel.

SUNBONNET CHAIRMEN

Mrs. Lawrence Hinricks, Welcome, general county chairman; Mrs. Frank Storbeck, Welcome.

RELIGIOUS PARTICIPATION

Dr. Charles Spear, Rev. J. B. Calhoun, Rev. Victor Quello, Fairmont; Rev. Henry Rust, Sherburn; Rev. F. W. Kain, Ceylon; Rev. N. O. Montan, Rev. W. A. Marth, Dunnell; Rev. Glendon Clapshaw, Truman.

HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE

Scoby King and Emil Wehler, Fairmont, Co-Chairmen; Roger Jeck, Fairmont, entry chairman.

GOLD RUSH

Frank Endersbe, Fairmont; Arnold Rising, Welcome; Mrs. Oscar Larson and Paul Peters, Sherburn; Mrs. H. R. Nelson, Dunnell; Marlin Slater, East Chain; Walter Carlson, Tri-Mont; E. F. Vollrath, Ceylon; Ernest Kettner, Truman.

HOSPITALITY DIVISION

Roy Paulson, Fairmont, General Chairman.

RECEPTION AND HOMECOMING

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HOUSING COMMITTEE

Harry Bossuet, Fairmont Chamber of Commerce, Chairman.

SHERBURN CENTENNIAL CHORUS

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SOPRANOS

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Grace Schwager
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Katherine Theobald
Edna Luedtke
Ethel Bradshaw
Beulah Gemmill
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Marian Johnson
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Lois Laingen
Dorothea Johnson
Anacleta Seifert
Carol Stoterau

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Paul Honnette
Ray Theobald
Arlin Anderson

Paul Theobald
Edward Peterson
Theron Schenk
Darrell Worthley

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Leo Manzey
Alpha Gemmill
Charles Theobald
Robert Kuntz

AN APOLOGY

Due to limited space, time and conditions beyond the control of the booklet committee and printers, several worthy pictures, accounts of community celebrations and listings of deserving individuals have been eliminated.

IN APPRECIATION

The Carlson Poster Advertising Company of Fairmont, and several patrons, donated out-door advertising signs to advertise the Martin County Celebration.

FIRST OFFICERS OF MARTIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

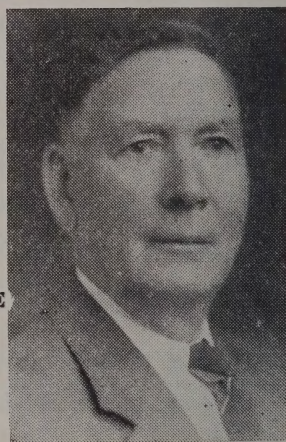


LEFT TO RIGHT: A. M. Nelson, Wm. G. Olson, Mrs. H. W. Brodt,
A. R. Karr, J. E. Haycraft, J. P. Dunning, E. Howard Fitz.



TWO EARLY LEADERS

Left:
E. R. FLYGARE



A. R. FANCHER

PRESENT OFFICERS OF MARTIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Directors:

Mrs. Oscar Larson
John Calkins
Walter Norman

J. E. Haycraft, Honorary President
Mrs. J. A. Nightingale, President
Chas. Larson, Vice President
Geo. Barden, Secretary-Treasurer

A Brief Review Of Martin County History

Compiled by Mrs. J. A. Nightingale
President of the Martin County Historical Society

When the Territory of Minnesota was established a century ago, there probably were no white settlers in what became Martin County. Minnesota had indeed been "Under Four Flags" as the State Historical Society booklet shows so graphically in map form. The domination of France, Spain and Great Britain had preceded the purchase of Louisiana by the new U. S. in 1803. Likewise, there were claims of many Territories—Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin—prior to historic 1849. Even then this and adjacent counties were included in Brown County, and it was not until 1857 that the county named in honor of Henry Martin was authorized by Territorial Governor Medary.

There is speculation to the effect that traders visited this area as was the custom of those associated with John Jacob Astor in the American Fur Company. However, the records of John C. Fremont and his French associate, Joseph N. Nicollet, show their penetration of the southwest corner of the county in June, 1838. It was at a point where the American Fur Trading Post, Fort Tchan Hassan, was located "between the two lakes, near the headwaters of the Des Moines river." Nicollet's maps preserved the Indian names of Lake Okamanpedan, Fox Lake (Hosharak-atac), Heron Lake, and Chanyaska River. Excavations on the south shore of Bright Lake indicate this to have been the site of Fort Tchan Hassen, established about 1826. This is probably the derivative of Tenhassen. Reference to "the old fort" on Stone Lake in Cedar Township and "the creek 10 miles to the northeast," is given. This stream has since been known as Ten Mile Creek. "Soldiers Creek" in Lake Fremont and Lake Belt Townships was so called because one of the soldiers was drowned there. The name of General Fremont is carried by a lake as well as the Township.

Following the procurement of the Sioux Indian lands at Traverse des Sioux in 1851, white surveyors came into the region. One of them, Hosea S. True, returned and settled down for the rest of his life. A flood of settlers moved westward when the Pre-Emption Act allowed patent to land at \$1.25 per acre.

Calvin Tuttle came early in March, 1856, establishing "Squatters Rights" near the Cedar Point locality of Center Chain. He also set up headquarters in Tenhassen, planting and harvesting the first corn crop. Mr. Tuttle's difficulties with his neighbors and the reason for moving have been widely publicized. Calvin Tuttle and family disappeared, but only this year descendants have been located in Nebraska, where he is buried.

That same spring (May, 1856) Pennsylvania immigrants established homes in dugouts on East Chain lakes, but a permanent village matured in 1859, when Darius Rowley, G. Schultz, J. H. Johnson and others came. The building of the historic mill made this an important trading point. Scandinavian settlers followed, as did the Polish colony in Silver Lake. The late Timothy Rowley, pioneer teacher and poet, has adequately recorded much of this for the Historical Society.

A permanent settlement on Elm Creek has long been called "The Fowler Settlement" because of the coming of Henry Holmes Fowler and his wife, Adeline, in 1856-7. They maintained the Horicon postoffice for many years and near them were built the church and school that played such an important part in the lives of neighbors for miles around. The names of G. S. Fowler and his family, John W. Sleepier, Henry Martin (for whom the County and lake were named) are still familiar.

In June, 1857, E. Banks Hall and Wm. H. Budd were settled where the lakes still bear their names. Their Bachelor Hall was known as "Fair-Mount" and from that popular center the city grew. Mr. Budd's history of the county (1895) is still one of our most authentic sources of information. He reported that in January of that year twenty men, nine women and twenty-three children lived in these four localities.

Indian uprisings created alarm that August and Fort Britt, just east of South Silver Lake, was built for protection. No killings were reported, although Mr. Britt shot one Indian. This fort is now marked by the Minnesota Historical Society on Highway 15. The courthouse site carries the marker for Fort Fairmount, which was manned by Wisconsin soldiers. Fort Chanyaska is marked on the highway north of Welcome. These points were touched by many soldiers traveling from Ft. Dodge to Ft. Ridgely.

The depression of 1857 caused some settlers to leave so that only forty men and fewer women and children were residents at the time of the County organization that year. With the passage of the Homestead Act (April, 1864) and the conclusion of the Civil War, many veterans located on "free" quarter sections. Usually only one year's residence in addition to the war service qualified them. Odd numbered sections held as land grants to railroads were later sold "on easy terms at a minimum price of \$5 per acre."

Closely following the inevitable hard times after war, the "Grasshopper Plague" of 1873-77 descended on the impoverished farmers, and many abandoned their holdings and left the county. This gloomy picture was brightened by the arrival of the English colonists, 1873-78. Their money was lavishly spent, a number of beautiful homes were built and red-coated foxhunters dotted the landscape. Although the bean-growing project was not a success, these families left their names, and the English are still recalled as Burton, Style, Serle, Wherland, Sinclair and Wollaston are mentioned. The Wards, Cadwells and Viesselmans were contemporaries.

When railroads came, prosperity followed, and towns sprang up in every direction. The first train came to Fairmont in July, 1878, when the village was only twenty years old. Stations were established at Welcome, Sherburn and Granada—filling a great need for nearby residents, but taking trade from Tenhassen, Cedarville, East Chain and Nashville Center. The latter and the township were named for A. M. Nash in 1864. The Sperry postoffice served the community. Cedarville, which had flourished, gave way to Triumph and Monterey.

In 1899, further expansion of railroads led to the establishment of Truman, Ceylon, Dunnell, Triumph and Monterey, as well as Northrop, Fox Lake, Manyaska and Imogene. The larger places prospered as trade centers but some of the smaller ones dwindled. Many of these communities are showing in their special celebrations this year the achievements of fifty years. The type of citizens they have produced show industry and integrity that has made the county and state what they are today.

Space precludes recording the names and events connected with War Service of three generations in four wars, but information has been well preserved.

The story of growth of schools, churches, industries and enterprises of many kinds would take too long to recite. The Martin County Historical Society, organized twenty years ago, has perpetuated much of this history and has a splendid collection of newspapers and valuable data. Individual histories of townships, school districts, etc., is being built up. Many more relics are available than there is space to house them at the Court House. A small third floor room is very inadequate.

The people of Martin County owe an immeasurable debt to J. E. Haycraft, the late A. M. Nelson, E. R. Flygare, A. R. Fancher, John Dunning, Timothy Rowley and others, as well as many citizens now living in various parts of the county or elsewhere. Their aim is to continue to record and preserve.

You can help. WILL YOU?

TAKE A LOOK AT FAIRMONT IN 1879

You will find the picture of Fairmont of 1879, shown on the inside of the back cover, mighty interesting. It was reproduced by lithography in the Fairmont Printing Company plant. Reproduction is from an old stained crayon drawing approximately three times larger than the picture shown.

THANK YOU

The Fairmont Printing Company, producers of this booklet for the Martin County Historical Society, wish to express gratitude to the Fairmont Sentinel and the weekly papers of the county for the county celebrations pictures appearing in this booklet.

Martin County Centennial Pro

FRIDAY, JULY 1—"MARTIN COUNTY DAY"

- NOON Aerial bombs, Church bells, fire sirens, etc.
- 12:00 Pie eating contest, members of whisker club. This is to be in front of the office of the Fairmont Daily Sentinel.
- 12:15 Band concert in front of Sentinel.
- 12:45 Mayor's address opening the Centennial—K. M. Brown.
- 12:45 Radio Station KSUM, the South St. Paul livestock report—in person, Bob Carlson, in front of The Sentinel.
- 1:00 Registration for beard contest; registration for homecoming.
- 1:30-2:00 Kangaroo court. Time to view historical windows.
- 3:00-3:30 Old Time Fiddlers contest in front of the Sentinel office.
- 4:00 Youth Parade—led by Mary Durey ("Miss Centennial"), Committee personnel, centennial pageant participants, mayors of all towns, U. S. Marine Corps drill team from Minneapolis, all to be in parade.
- 7:00 Gates open for pageant at Martin County fairgrounds.
- 7:45 Kangaroo Court, "Hellzapoppin" session at the fairgrounds.
- 8:00 Marine drill team—30 U. S. Marines, doing precision drilling.
- 8:15 Queen contest to choose "Miss Martin County" from 11 candidates at the fairgrounds. Crowning by Mary Durey, "Miss Centennial."
- 8:30 First showing of Centorama, with 800 local participants, at the fairgrounds.

SATURDAY, JULY 2—YOUTH AND HOMECOMING DAY

Forenoon

- 11:00 Band concert.

Afternoon and Evening

- 12:00 Kangaroo court, another "Hellzapoppin" session. Pie eating contest.
- 1:30 Field meet, Youth Afternoon, Sylvania park. This will include a sack race, balloon race, three-legged race, kick-the-bean-bag, 50-yard dash, go-and-go-backwards, shoe scramble, with prizes awarded after each event.
- Exhibition by firemen of equipment for fighting fires.
- Flower show at the armory.
- Swimming and diving meet.
- Model airplane meet.
- 2:30-5:00 Homecoming at either High School or Central School. All alumni, husbands and wives welcome.
- 5:00 Old fashioned family picnic and get-together at all parks.
- 7:30 Gates open at fairgrounds. Marine Drill Team performing.
- 7:45 Kangaroo Court, "Hellzapoppin" session.

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- 8:00 Judging of Brothers of the Brush, whisker contest.
8:15 Presentation of Mrs. George Rosa, Martin County's pioneer mother.
8:30 Second showing of Centorama.
10:00 Dance in front of Armory in Fairmont.

SUNDAY, JULY 3—RELIGIOUS DAY

Forenoon

- 9:00 Opening of Mid-Western Palomino Horse Show—over 300 Golden Palominos at the fairgrounds.
10:30 Countywide religious services at Sylvania Park, with the principal address by the Rev. E. S. Hjortland. Flying Farmers of Minnesota, approximately 30 of them, are expected to participate in the religious services.

Afternoon and Evening

- NOON Newcomer's luncheon for Miss Bebe Shopp ("Miss America"), all Martin County queens and "Miss Martin County," Fairmont's Community queen.
1:00 Judging at the horse show.
4:30 Miss America, Bebe Shopp, arrives at the horse show.
5:00 Horse show ends.
7:00-7:45 Concert of sacred music, massed choirs, over 200 voices, will sing—Larry Krause, directing. Bebe Shopp plays her vibraharp at fairgrounds.
8:00 Navy Drill Team performs.
8:30 Third showing of Centorama.
10:30 Fireworks and dance at Interlaken.

MONDAY, JULY 4—PATRIOTIC DAY

Forenoon

- 9:30 Bicycle race around Fairmont.
10:00 Baseball game, Fairmont Cardinals.

Afternoon and Evening

- 2:00 Start of big parade, over 2 hours, 30 minutes.
6:00 Community picnic.
6:00 Band concert at Sylvania park.
7:00 Navy Drill Team performs.
7:45 Kangaroo Court, "Hellzapoppin" session.
8:00 Judging for fashion parade of yesteryear—sunbonnets, dresses.
8:30 Final showing of Centorama at fairgrounds.
10:30 Dance, fireworks, at Interlaken, three miles south of Fairmont, on Highway 15.

Martin County
Historical Society Centennial Committee

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The Dramatic Pageant Spectacle
"Martin County Centorama"
(Staged By John B. Rogers Producing Company)

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QUEEN CANDIDATES

Joan Williams.....	Truman	Gwendolyn Brockman.....	Welcome
Norma Green.....	Granada	Beverly Ogren.....	Tri-Mont
Margaret Rittenhouse.....	Sherburn	Darlene Holtz.....	4-H
Carole Kain.....	Ceylon	Fairmont.....	Bea Anderson
Ardyce Johnson.....	East Chain		

CROWN BEARER—Roger Harris

TRAIN BEARERS—Marsha Krueger, Roxanne Malherek

EPISODE I

Indian Village

For countless centuries before the white man penetrated the "Land Unknown" Indians pitched their tepees beside the "Chain of Lakes" and roamed the woodlands of the "Waterway" which was their hunting ground, but just when the first ancient man came upon this land of ours, we do not know. He is traceable only along a trail of musty evidence—primitive weapons, crude works of art, bones upon ancient battlefields, lingering with a strange permanency to tell us that a race of men lived here at a date too remote for comprehension.

EPISODE II

Early Indian and White Man

Over these early expeditions hangs the haze of history. It is a year in the 1700's that we choose to look upon an early Indian Village, as a Runner rushes in excitedly with the startling news! Strange god-like creatures are approaching the village! Some of the villagers flee to hide out and watch cautiously. Others are motionless with fright. The braves begin, at the chief's bidding, to ready themselves for a possible conflict. . . . As LeSueur's Monsieurs ride in, dressed in colorful garb, and the natives stand silent and impressed. . . . These, indeed, are gods—gods of the Sun, before whom they must bow in worship!

EPISODE III

Tableau of "Spirit of '76"

If it were not for those brave souls known as the Colonists in the infancy of our country, perhaps Martin County would never have belonged to the State of Minnesota in the Great Sisterhood of the United States. It is here that we honor those brave souls of Washington's time in the Tableau depicting the "Spirit of '76."

EPISODE IV

White Squaw of Fox Lake

At the time, there were but two white people in what is now Martin County. These were a young mother and her daughter. All other residents were roving bands of Indians. It was with one of these bands, presumably the Sisseton group of the Sioux tribe, that the young woman lived and she has become known through both legend and fact as the White Squaw of Fox Lake Island.

EPISODE V

Brunius' Survey And The Arrival of Tuttle

In the year 1856, under the supervision of J. J. Brunius, the surveyors had completed the surveying of the newly ceded territory in preparation for settlement. A land office was established at Chatfield when the land was thrown open to actual settlers under the Pre-emption Act. It was in this year of 1856 at the finish of the survey that Calvin Tuttle and a small party of men arrived in order to prepare a log cabin for the purpose of bringing their families into our County. . . .

EPISODE VI

The New Territory

It was not long after Tuttle had set about building his cabin that he returned to Fort Dodge, Iowa, to fetch his family. . . . In this settlement was a Mr. Rickey. . . . Shortly after a party of immigrants formed a settlement on East Chain Lakes, these people hailing from Pennsylvania. Also in this year of 1856, Hall and Budd Lakes got their names from E. Banks Hall and Wm. H. Budd, who took claims on Center Chain Lakes.

EPISODE VII

Martin County's First Family—The Tutties

It gave them self-reliance, resourcefulness and a broader outlook on life. It developed a people tough-fibered and rock-bound in character—the foundation stock of Minnesota. We now see, as a representation of the early homes, the home of Calvin Tuttle with his family securely installed. . . . George and Columbus, Calvin's sons, worked hard with their father at Center Chain. . . .

EPISODE VIII

First Wedding in Martin County

Before the hand of time points into the 1860's we are reminded of the first Post Office being opened in Fairmont some time in 1858, with Wm. H. Budd as postmaster. . . . Also in this year Minnesota was admitted to the union as a state in May. Another great aid to our county was the building of a bridge at Lake Okamanpedan. . . . All the world loves a lover and the romance that culminated in the first wedding in Martin County was that of Miss Louise Tuttle and W. S. Campbell by the Rev. J. S. Hudson. . . . Yes, you are invited to attend the nuptials. The date is set for September 24, 1857. . . .

EPISODE IX

School at Hinkle's, Martin County

Education was now a problem to the people of our county. There probably were schools in Martin County before there were churches, but the two institutions were closely related until fairly recent years. Some of the earlier settlers preferred teachers to preachers, and the village schoolmaster often delivered the Sabbath Day sermon from the pulpit of a combined meeting house and school house. . . . It is reported that in June, 1862, school was being held in three settlements—Fairmont, Center Chain and the Fowler Neighborhood. Settlers were anxious for their children to have the best of advantages. . . . The forerunner of these schools came about when the settlers began levying taxes for a school at Fairmont in 1860 which was to have a term of three months. The school was to be held in a room at B. C. Hinkle's. . . . It is now that we attend that same little class with Lorraine Swearingen as teacher. . . .

EPISODE X

Camp Meeting

Lending a mellowness to the rough life of the early settlers in the land of "The Chain of Lakes" was their spiritual welfare. In a few years after the very first settlers arrived in this new territory the people held church services in groups known as "Camp Meetings," bringing their food and drink, and enjoying the social features as well as the fiery sermons.

EPISODE XI

Carver-Tuttle Fight

Calvin Tuttle, having firmly planted himself and family in our midst, took unto himself that he would boss the county as he did his family and relatives. . . . It was his fashion to boast of his prowess at fisticuffs, stating he would not live in a neighborhood where he could not whip every man in it. He was never challenged in the entire time of his existence in our county for nearly six years. . . . About the year 1862 he received the challenge—a challenge he would have to accept or show cowardice, a challenge he must accept and win or leave the county if he made good his boasts. . . . So it was that a man by the name of Carver took Mr. Tuttle at his word and asked for battle.

EPISODE XII

Fort Fairmont

It was in 1862 that the settlers were really alarmed over the news of Indians on warpaths in counties north and west of here. . . . Many fled at first news, others remained trying to organize forces to resist. . . . On August 27, Fairmont was practically deserted as the inhabitants had proceeded eastward to Blue Earth and Winnebago seeking the safety of larger settlements. . . . September came and the scare subsided, but many still did not return home until in October when Fairmont was substantially a military post and was under the protection of the soldiers.

EPISODE XIII

Civil War

When Lincoln called for more soldiers in 1864, many Martin County men responded gladly. Martin County immediately started recruiting its men. Enthusiasm was aroused and a meeting was called of the citizens of Martin County.

EPISODE XIV

Prayer Against the Plague

This widow of the Civil War kneels in prayer against the plague that threatens to take away what little security she has for her small children. As she prays we see the shadow of the plague passing between her and the sun. . . . But, wait; the sky grows brighter—the devastating little insects are passing on. Thus symbolized the prayer of the whole County asking for relief and getting it through prayer. . . . So it came to pass; “The Grasshopper Plague” passed. Perhaps it was the Faith, Hope, and Prayer that accomplished the miracle. . . .

EPISODE XV

Fire of 1875

In the year of One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-eight, Martin County's first newspaper had its birth. It was started by C. A. Lounsberry, being published at the courthouse. . . . Legal tender as accepted in Martin County were muskrat skins from 1856 to 1878. July, 1847, gave the population of Martin County as 3,533 with Fairmont claiming 464 of those. . . . It seems that disaster was to plague our section of Minnesota, for in October, 1875, a prairie fire swept over half the County, destroying residences, stables, haystacks, stock and groves. . . .

EPISODE XVI

Coming of the Iron Horse

Each time our forefathers began to gain in worldly goods some disaster came along and almost swept everything out of their grasp. . . . Less determined settlers would have given up and gone into a more blessed community. . . . But alas, with the coming of the Southern Minnesota Railroad—came the first real boom the county experienced. . . . Now with transportation available, the prairies could be broken, wheat grown and marketed in far-away places.

EPISODE XVII

Corn Husking Party for the Huskies

As we reach the turn of the Century other railroads have come into being, land values began to climb, acres and acres of swamp land were drained and became fertile farming land, splendid schools came into existence, highways were not a thing to be dreamed of any longer, one of the finest courthouses in the state was erected; yes, the "Golden Age" had at last arrived. Wheat, the "gold" of our community, was surpassing all dreams. Then came the Real King of the harvesting . . . CORN . . . Harvest after harvest and never a failure. . . . To the great agriculture which springs from this land of ours we owe a gratitude that makes us ever thankful that our forefathers chose this land for their homes, that we might dwell here in abundance, peace and happiness.

EPISODE XVIII

Gay '90's

If you were a gay blade in the Gay Nineties you courted your best gal on a Bicycle Built for Two—that is if you were a lucky blade. You raced your buggy down and around through the village streets and were threatened by the LONG ARM of the law. You ran a block to see a horseless carriage dash by at the reckless speed of 10 miles an hour, and you yelled "GET A HORSE!" when it stalled. You knew a lot of racy slang such as "23 Skiddoo" and "I love my wife, but OH, YOU KID!" You sang about the "Bird in a Gilded Cage" and "The Merry Oldsmobile."

EPISODE XIX

Tableau of Iwo Jima

The hand of time moves quickly and surely . . . the Spanish American War, and then the war of 1917, a conflict which, while raging in Europe, engulfed the United States. . . . There was peace for a while, and then the war clouds were engulfing the world again . . . Pearl Harbor.

EPISODE XX

Transportation Through the Years

In scanning the years of history, we must not forget the modes of transportation. From the Lowly Indian Drag, to the great Man-Made Eagle of the air, comes our next episode.

EPISODE XXI

Finale

Before you a great wheel of Progress is taking form . . . with MARTIN COUNTY AS ITS HUB. With Each Spoke Carved from One of Her Past Achievements we see Martin serving the nations of the world—flanked by the young manhood and womanhood of OUR COUNTY proudly carrying the torch of youth into the future. THE GREAT WHEEL OF PROGRESS TURNS COURAGEOUSLY INTO THE NEXT CENTURY. . . .

EPISODE CASTS

EPISODE I

Indian Village

INDIAN SCENE—FURNISHED BY SHERBURN

Rehearsed by Mrs. R. W. Steele

INDIAN CHIEFS—Glen Bradshaw, Harry Goering, Marvin Griffith

BRAVES

John Nelson
L. Wickert
John Jacobson
Victor Stewart
Lewis Schroedel
Pal Eisenmenger
Glen Bradshaw
Robert Smythe
Daryl Becker
Tom Musser
Kent Musser
Marvin Griffith
Clifford Meyer
John Manzey
Howard Posivio
Malcolm Alsworth
Merle Denney
Roy Gettler
David Seifert
Roger Philipp
C. M. Landin
Harold Becker
James Christian
Francis Fandel
Norman Crawford
Bernard Posivio
John J. Howard
Eldon Bettin
SURVEYORS
Louis Appeldoorn
Glen Johnson

BOYS

Wayne Manzey
Bruce Manzey
John Manzey
Richard Wisdorf
Malcolm Johnson
George Gibbons
Tom Gibbons
Richard Nelson
Billie Paulson
Jerry Yurcek
Jerry Schroedel
Herbert Martens
Billy Flygare
Wayne Chrisuan
William Graf
Mickey Ringelsen

SQUAWS

Mrs. John Manzey
Mrs. H. M. Bibler
Joyce Becker
Mrs. T. Schenck
Beverly Becker
Nancy Crawford
Bonnie Martens
Lorraine Posivio
Francis Posivio
Helen Brockmann
Ruth Dahlke
Barbara Kuntz
Lana Drewes
Shirley Anderson
Marian Becker
Edna Hodapp

(Cast from Sherburn)

Alice Becker
Anne McBride
Mrs. R. Steele
Mrs. Virginia Knuth
Mrs. Velma Schroedel
Mrs. Gladys Mulso
Mrs. Malcolm Alsworth
Mildred Drewes
Mary T. Clancy
Maxine Martens
Mrs. Dolly Brown
Mrs. Glen Martin
Mrs. Walter Becker
Mrs. Elmer Stewart
Mrs. H. H. Lee
Mrs. Lucy Simpson
Mrs. Urban Eisenmenger
Mrs. Paul Peters

GIRLS

Carol Hodapp
Antoinette Wisdorf
Susan Seifert
Doreen Bechtel
Rita Yurcek
Joanne Burgess
Marilyn Black
Rita Theobald
Valeria Evans
Dorothy Whitehead
Luanne Mackaben
Diane Graf
Janet Christian
Carron Dahlke
Gayle Ringelsen

EPISODE II

Early Indian and White Man

INDIANS FROM SCENE I (Cast from Sherburn)

FRENCH CAVALRYMEN FROM FAIRMONT

Earl Winch
Walter Winch
Harley Hammer
Johnnie Johnson
Eldon Brockman
Lester Anvic
Joe Cox

Ervin Starer
PRINCESSES
Edna Hodapp
Gwen Kiehl
Pat Simpson
Sherry Hyde

(From Lenore's School of the Dance)

EPISODE III

Tableau of "Spirit of '76"

Roger Aagard
Harold Carlson

Wally Dawson
Darrell Anderson

(Cast from Dunnell)

EPISODE IV

White Squaw of Fox Lake

SURVEYORS—Lyle Mathwig, Merle Anderson

WHITE SQUAW—Mrs. Norman Hartung

DAUGHTER—Barbara Ann Nelson

INDIAN CHIEF—Marvin Griffith

INDIAN VILLAGE SCENE FROM EPISODE I

(Cast from Sherburn)

EPISODE V

Brunius' Survey And The Arrival of Tuttle

SURVEYORS

Wayne Peterson, Sr. H. R. Nelson Lyle Mathwig Merle Anderson

CALVIN TUTTLE—Wayne Anderson

(Cast from Dunnell)

EPISODE VI

The New Territory

MR. TUTTLE—Wayne Anderson

MRS. TUTTLE—Mrs. Merle Anderson

TUTTLE FAMILY—Donna Olson, Donald Anderson, Darrell Anderson

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Mathwig

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Anderson

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Nelson

Mr. Wayne Brolsma

Mr. Wayne Peterson

Miss Arlene Lyon

Miss Janet Kleine

Wayne Peterson, Jr.

Dale Peterson

Philip Peterson

Paul Peterson

Linda Peterson

Ann Bredberg

Keith Anderson

Dale Anderson

Janice Bredberg

Paul Peterson

(Cast from Dunnell)

EPISODE VII

Martin County's First Family—The Tuttles

PREACHER—Lawrence Hinricks

MR. TUTTLE—Wayne Anderson

MRS. TUTTLE—Mrs. Merle Anderson

TUTTLE FAMILY—Donna Olson, Donald Anderson, Darrell Anderson

(Cast from Dunnell)

EPISODE VIII

First Wedding in Martin County

MR. TUTTLE—Clyde Frazier, Sr.

MR. CAMPBELL—W. Brockman

LOUISE TUTTLE—Mrs. W. Brockman

VIRGINIA REEL

Mr. and Mrs. John Bast

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garbers

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Classen

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Rosenberg

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Frazier, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mussman

Mr. and Mrs. Les Plumhoff

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gieseke

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Storbeck

Mr. and Mrs. Art Riem

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wink

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sandberg

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Timmerman

Mr. Roy Miller

Miss Ella Schierkolk

(Cast from Welcome)

EPISODE IX

School at Hinkle's, Martin County

SCHOOL TEACHER—Mrs. Carol Rice

Ila Peterson
Freddie Carlson
Janie Blank
Mary Peterson
Mary Slaughter
Norman Schaffer
Myron Tumbleson

Patty Wolf
Dickie Koch
Eddie Koch
Rodger Ebeling
Kenneth Theilhorn
John Ahrendt
Ramona Johns

(Cast from Tri-Mont)

Franklin Rigenhagen
Dennis Weber
Marvis Meyer
Pearl Gierses
Mary Alice Lund
Elaine Meier

EPISODE X

Camp Meeting

PREACHER—Dr. A. F. Krosch

Donald Gardner
Bill Saggau
Mr. and Mrs. Chet Hartung
Mr. and Mrs. Elton Fritz
and Joanne
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Prust
Mr. and Mrs. John Teeslink,
Jack and Jim
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Quen-
ett and Marianne
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wiltse

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence De-
tert and Darlene
Mrs. Charles Poppe
Mrs. Anita Odegaard
Mrs. Ida Mathwig
Mrs. Frank Uhlig
Mrs. A. F. Krosch
Otto Beseman
Donald Thiesse
Robert Fenrich
Eddie Barnett

(Cast from Ceylon)

Mrs. Harold Albright
Connie Simpson
Lilly Rosenberg
Dolores Stacy
June and Jean Holldorf
Bernill Brodt
Joanne Wilck
Mary Jane Prust
Shireen Saggau
Donna Vohs
Clara Schley

EPISODE XI

Carver-Tuttle Fight

CALVIN TUTTLE—Donald Gardner

SAM CARVER—Bill Saggau

Dr. A. F. Krosch
Mr. and Mrs. Chet Hartung
Mr. and Mrs. Elton Fritz
and Joann
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Prust
Mr. and Mrs. John Teeslink,
Jack and Jim
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Quenett
and Marianne
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wiltse
Clara Schley

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence De-
tert and Darlene
Mrs. Charles Poppe
Mrs. Anita Odegaard
Mrs. Ida Mathwig
Mrs. Frank Uhlig
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Donna Vohs

(Cast from Ceylon)

Eddie Barnett
Mrs. Harold Albright
Connie Simpson
Lilly Rosenberg
Dolores Stacy
June and Jean Holldorf
Bernill Brodt
Joanne Wilck
Mary Jane Prust
Robert Fenrich

EPISODE XII

Fort Fairmont

SOLDIERS

Harold Swift
Robert Barke
Syver Larson

George Fowler
Ronald Unke
Lowell Smith

(Cast from Northrop)

Herbert Koehler
Lawrence Hartmann
Maynard Lueth

EPISODE XIII

Civil War

Zelda Lohmann
Arlynn Lueth
Beverly Sorum
DeAnn Lohmann
Erla Urban
Harold Swift
Robert Barke

George Fowler
Ronald Unke
Lowell Smith
Herbert Koehler
Lawrence Hartmann
Maynard Lueth
Syver Larson
(Cast from Northrop)

Zelda Lohmann
Elda Sorum
Esther Huemoeller
Robert Huemoeller
Wally Urban
Billy Orr
Edwin Lueth

EPISODE XIV

Prayer Against the Plague

Beverly Sorum
DeAnn Lohmann

Zelda Lohmann

Arlynn Lueth
Erla Urban

(Cast from Northrop)

EPISODE XV

Fire of 1875

Arlynn Lueth
Beverly Sorum
Zelda Lohmann
Erla Urban

Esther Huemoeller
Robert Huemoeller
Wally Urban
Edwin Lueth
(Cast from Northrop)

Billy Orr
DeAnn Lohmann
Elda Sorum

EPISODE XVI

Coming of the Iron Horse

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mayo
Mr. and Mrs. Carol Wolter
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Whitman
Mr. and Mrs. Irl Blanchard
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Larson
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Knutson
Mr. and Mrs. Byron Wagar

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Whitman
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Turnberg
Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Farm
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hytry
Mr. and Mrs. Jess Burgess
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Balcom

EPISODE XVII

Corn Husking Party for the Huskies

SQUARE DANCERS—Dunnell Group (Mrs. P. L. Engel)

To Appear July 2 and 4

Richard Berg
Jerry Huse
Ray Stump
Charles Kleine
Donald Jorgenson
Warren Grippentrog
Wally Dawson
Gerald Engstrom

Darrel Anderson
Roger Aagard
Ronald Roehrs
Gerald Schley
Janet Rupe
Elaine Schley
Cora Schley
Anne Olson

Donna Olson
Arlene Roehrs
Myrna Roehrs
Carol Aagard
Laura Schendel
Nadine Wahlberg
Ruth Berg
Joyce Ziemer

Fiddler—Ray Jensen

Caller—Arthur Weiss

SQUARE DANCERS—Elm Creek Farm Bureau Group, Sherburn

To Appear July 1 and 3

Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Denney
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bork
Mr. and Mrs. George Terveer
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Buchan
Caller—Beryl Dorr

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dorr
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hagemann
Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kuntz
Musicians—Jake Faber, Ervin Cordes

EPISODE XVIII

Gay '90's

FIREMEN

Jake Boschart
August Vogt
Herbert Peterson
Charles Barke
Henry Dralle
Tom Hamilton
Roy Clow
Claire Llewellyn

BARBERSHOP QUARTET

Lloyd Williams
Dr. T. H. Miller
Earl Wilkinson
Ed Breuning

BATHING GIRLS

Eileen Koenck
Lois Larson
Candy Dempewolf
Chloris Nickerson
Sadie Van Brunt
Hazel Wolf

GERMAN BAND

John Berg
Tiny Teske
Don Malherek
Carrol Teske
Marvin Hoscheid
Howard Hoscheid
Neal Canon
Earl Wilkenson
Arlen Johnson
Bob Vaughn
Warren Kettner

CAMERAMAN

Henry Walston
TANDEM BIKE RIDERS
Vivian Miller
Doreen Geisseldt

SUFFRAGETTES

Eleanor Miller
Carrie Walston
Betty Kaiser
Alma Breuning

CAN CAN DANCERS

Betty Harris
Catharine Coult
Patty Florde
Helen Mueller
Dianna Higley
Gwen Kiehl
Pat Simpson
Sherry Hyde

(From Lenore's

School of the Dance)

PICNICKERS

Donald Dodge
Dwight Howell
Harold Ritter
Diehl Pickett
Victor Baumhoefner
Marilyn Heineman
Mel Schenck
Wayne Armstrong
Harold Zenk
Walt Kaiser
Norman Rucks
Willis Hammond
Ernie Borchert
Chuck Dempewolf
Rollo Larsen
Adolph Breitbarth
David Jennings
Arlen Bock
Bernard Armstrong
Russell Zenk
Francis Zenk

(Cast from Truman)

Eldor Kettner
Walter Reinke
Donald Howell
Ed Olson
Myrvan Heinemann
Dale Raddatz
Russell Nickerson
Marvin Voelker
Arlen Ebert
Willard Van Brunt
Shirley Schenck
Yvonne Birdsell
Pauline Hammond
Mrs. Borchert
Mrs. A. Breitbarth
Mrs. W. Armstrong
Clard Gieseke
Alfred Reinke
Charles Zenk
Gen Jennings
Lillian Kettner
Amanda Reinke
Eileen Howell
Mrs. Ed Olson
Gladys Baumhoeffner
Mrs. M. Voelker
Lois Zenk
Lou Ann Ebert
Janice Geistfeld
Colleen Nickerson
Carol Breitbarth
Geneva Breitbarth
Ruth Walston
Gwennie Van Brunt
Billy Schenck
Nelson Williams
Larry Armstrong
Jerry Reinke

EPISODE XIX

Tableau of Iwo Jima

Leslie Leet
Gerald King
Dale Parson
Leon Smith
C. M. Short
Darrell Betts

Clarence Post
Harold Coombes
Lefty Coombes
Don K. True
Donald Wolters
Kenneth Rudy

(Cast from Granada)

Gus Freeburg
Eddie Meixell
Jake Wolters
Roy Bicknase
Gerald Garrison





From the play "White Squaw of Fox Lake"
at Sherburn Celebration June 19, 1949.

H. A. Edman

A. S. Otton

Iowa Road Building Co.

Art Wawo.

Gamble Skogmo Inc.

Arthur T. Edman

H. A. Edman

Lawyers

DR. PEPPER BOTTLING Co

R. Hodgman

Hodgman Equipment Co.

N. J. DeYoung Co.

James P. Helt

Veterinarian

E. Haertel

Fairmont Monumental Works

Paul J. Higgins

Motor Inn, Chevrolet

A. D. Olson

Lyle Birby

Fairmont Implement, Inc.

E. K. West

E. D. Palmer

Colvin Motors Inc.

Edman Bros.

Fairmont Bake Shop

ALBERT BOHLSEN

Simonson Cash Way

Kenneth O. Hansen

Red Owl Store

Singer Sewing Machine Co.

H. S. Milne

D. S. Milne Co.

Butterick

"Women's Fashionable Apparel"

McCabe & Schramm, dentistry

Fairmont Building & Loan Ass'n

Fairmont Telephone Co.

Truman

Charles Hestner, mgr.

Truman Coop Creamery

H. J. Edman

People's State Bank

A. W. Jones, Elev. Mgr.

Truman Farmers Elev. Co.

Don Peterson

Truman Tribune

Dale Rigg

Truman Hatchery

Dodge & Bartlett

Truman Livestock Sales

E. C. Olson

Olson Furniture Store

Welcome

Pickman, Pres.
Welcome State Bank

John H. Vallath
The Welcome Times

Rodoff + Starbeck
Welcome Hardware

Art Prosser
Welcome Feed Mill

Dewey Rosenberg
Dewey Rosenberg Imp.

Chester Montgomery
Corner Grocery

L. F. Wilkinson
Wilkinson Store

Art Reism
Welcome Lockers

Imogene

John L. McNerney

McNerney General Store

H. J. Garry

M. J. Garry, Elevator

Northrup

Ed. C. Becker

Becker Grain & Lbr. Co.

Sherburn

John F. Yurick
Yurick Hdw. & Implement

Paul H. Peters
Peter's Nursery

F. S. Seifer
Seifert's Drug Store

Alfred L. Hanson
Hanson Implement Co.

Rebecca
Farmers State Bank

H. B. Johnson
Bradt-Johnson Implement

Vernie E. Morgan
Morgan Furniture

R. E. Lusk
Sherburn Grain & Coal Co.

Wm. N. Johnson
M. N. Johnson Merc. Co.

Art. F. Lusk
Kark Milling & Processing Co.

Norman Crowfoot
Sherburn Bowling Center

Trimont

Triumph State Bank

Triumph State Bank

John Hoch

Tri-Mont Block & Silo Co.

Otto Peterson

Hardware and Implement

Genevieve Hartman

Hartman's Store

Ceylon

E. J. Vallath Walter milow mgr. Wm Ditz Jr

State Bank of Ceylon

Ceylon Co-op Assn.

Ditz's Recreation Parlor

Harry Berdt Andbin M Styggar Walter Rust

Gambles

Minn. Machinery Twine and Repairs

Rust Market

Swanson Clark Halvorson Joe Wickert

McCormick-Deering New Idea

Halvorson's Produce

Ceylon Silo Co.

John M. Horgan Herman Brandstetter

Physician

Dutchman's Place

Christensen and Bode

Ceylon Elevator

Christensen Howe

Plumbing and Heating

A. E. LOCKNER.

Milk Bar

Anderson Hardware

A. F. Krosch

E. Has. Olson

Olson Furniture

*Dr. Thayer
and
Wandell*

Physicians

V. K. Peterson

V. K. ²⁵ Cleaners

M. H. Turner

Frozen Food Locker

Donk Brothers

City Food Store

Donald H. Barnett

Don's Radio Service

*Seifert, Kralmer
Johnson*

Lawyers

Lyle R. Barker

Barker Agency

L. L. Cairnter

Carpenter's Feed Store

Paul Borowski

Paul's Place

Joe Meschke

Meschke Cities Service

Les Beckenbilly

Moulton's Food Store

Wusch & Kautler

Plumbing & Heating

C. E. Perceinger

O. K. Rubber Welders

Wayne B. Smith

Fairmont Nursery

James R. Narn

A & W Drive In

Le Roy Moeller

Moeller and Rosenwinkel

Fillin. Station

Fred J. Pagan

Lake Airst

Herb Gunther

Skaggs Super Market

Ed Potter

Potter's Appliance Store

Gail R. Lampert

Lampert Implement Co.

Nelda Lewis

Nelda's Beauty Shop

Reuben L. Brown

Brown's Coffee Bar

R. H. Adams

Adams Texaco

Carl Eggquist

Reco K. F. Motors

Chas. W. Weber

Webers Standard Station

Roger R. Jeck

Jeck Packing Co.

M. E. Teeter

Teeter Impel Co.

Dr. R. W. Riecke

Veterinarian

Stanley B. Simpson

Fairmont Farm Store, Inc.

Carl Hyde

Hyde Typewriter

Beyer & Trachman

Funeral Home

H. P. Rosenwinkel

Electric Contractor

W. P. Allen

Farmer's Co-op Creamery

Dora W. W. W.

Mora's Ready to Wear

*Harold H. Bondhede
Self*

Fairmont Farmers Mutual
Fire Ins. Co.

E. Erickson

Erickson's Cafe and Hotel

Adrian Fisch
Mutual Life Insurance of N. Y.

Dr. Howard F. Webb
Dentist

Dr. H. J. Kollafski
Optometrist

Harold W. Shan
Fairview Memorial Park

Roy G. Paulson
Paulson's Rexall Drugs

H. J. Lutgen
Lutgen-Jobbing Co.

Hard Clark
Shoe Repair

Harry Lule
Serle's Cafe

John Odegard
Odegard Barber Shop

Nancy Korman
PARK MOTOR COMPANY

Russell H. Hanna
Rus-sell's Radio Shop

Fisher & Co.

Paul R. Challey
Security Ins. Agency

John H. Hensley
Mahowald Cycle Co.

Maurice Rautenkranz
Colonial Ice Cream Co.

H. Petersen
N. B. Life & Casualty Co.

Howard Landhuis
Landhuis Jewelry

Leisner
Department Store

Emil R. Weller
Weller's Jewelry

James Pearson
Harold's Shoes

Ervin Sorensen
Sorensen Filling Station

L. Leslie Thiesman
Economy Tire Shop

Fred J. Mittelstaad
Rosewall's Clothing

James M. Gardner
Gardner Drug Store

James C. Viesselman
Viesselman Billiards

W. H. Kunk
Physician

Abner Line
Sexes Magneto Service

R. A. Chambers (mgr.)
Woolworth's

Clarence Liche
Unique Cleaners

Dr. R. A. Lund
Chiropractor

Craker Jew. Co.

Dr. M. H. Marken
Physician

Dr. G. V. Hanson
Dentist

Harry B. Pearson
Corner Cafe

Peterson & Reed
Studebaker

W. H. Florde
Dentist

Lanning Burton Frank W. Ross

Ch. M. Angell

Burton's Cafe

Ross Electric Motor Service

Fensel's Electric Supplies

George & Welt

Ed. Sperenberg & A. Klein

L. W. Lonsdale

G. & W. Cafe

Forstrom's One Stop Co., Inc.

James M. Childs

Ray, Hartman & Myn.

T. E. Herby

Real Estate - Insurance

Fairmont Hotel

Freud O. Jones.
George H. Linton

Earl Allen, Jr.

Des Webb & Zierke

John P. Agnew

Ruben E. Olander

John W. Covey

C. L. Erickson

J. M. Banks

Fairmont Flowers

Maurice C. Hillstedt

Earl R. Draper

E. T. Ballou

Chas. J. Oberle

Lloyd E. Fredrickson

Forster Furniture Co.

Sam. Tustin

H. M. Bright

Milton Yasker

Grew's Jewelry

Fredrick Lake

Oason's

STANDARD SERVICE

Roscoe B. Mynn

A. L. Meyer

T. F. Anderson & Co.

Herbert Whiffle

Millard Finley

Ted Kretzschmar

Lugh Mier

Mrs. John Dickerson

Braun's Shoe Store -

H. V. Barden

P. S. Byer

Mrs. Howard Starrett
Burbank, Calif.

H. H. Mongeau, Mgr.

McCarthy Bros. Co.

A. E. Kiehl

Kiehl's Bakery

Central State Hotel

By J. Warner

T. P. McKenna

Montgomery Ward

John Kotwa

Louis H. Bohn

Emil Nelson

Johnny's Plumbing

Peerless Laundry

3-M Product

David H. Pederson

Fairmont Distributing Co.

Mark J. Cizinski

St. Clair - Cizinski

DeLyle A. Robert

DeLyles Beatorium

Glenn Reed

Firestone Store

Norm Grant

Dairy Treet

Red MacKay

Mackey's Refrigeration

G. J. Colvin
G. B. Colvin

Colvin's Grocery and
Cabin Resort

Geordie Welchlin

Welchlin Garage

Miller & Lund

Park Street Grocery

John W. Krost

Krost's Plumbing

Don Small

Small's Plumbing & Heating

Curtis Cecile Myer

Strand Milk Bar

Julian Lageson

Lageson's Hardware

A. E. Anderson D.D.S.

Dentist

Wm. E. Edwards

City Drug Store

Leonard G. Milbrandt

Milly's Eat Shop

Tillie Flo

Flo Studio

Mrs. E. Gillespie

Gillespie Beauty Shop

Lagson & Reed

Fairmont Tire and
Auto Supply

Pro & Ed's Store

Helene Tachian

Walter F. Larsen

Larsen's Shell Service

Anker & Annie

Smed & Skaden
Filling Station

Ray W. Gatum

Real Estate & Insurance

John K. Kramer
Jerome W. Kramer

Kramer Hatchery

JOHN

LESTER

Lester's Standard Service

Edwin Lester

Kenneth K. Drossman D.D.S.

Dentist

P. E. Lutz

Lutz Real Estate

Ralph E. Nave

Gene's Cleaners

Clayton Evanson

Clayton's Place

Oxford & Eglin

Accountants & Auditors

Chase & Hughes

Bowling Billiards

John Silker

Coast to Coast

Rosella Ekman

Modern Beauty Shop

John P. Cole

Cole's Northside Store

A Typical Threshing Rig of 1880

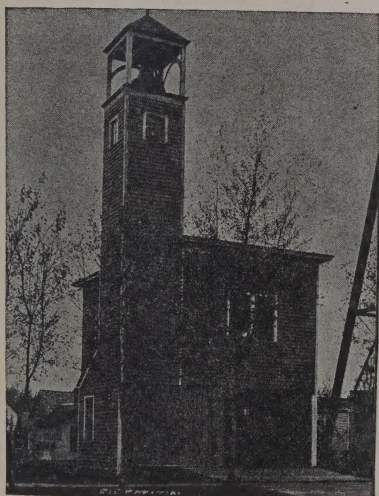
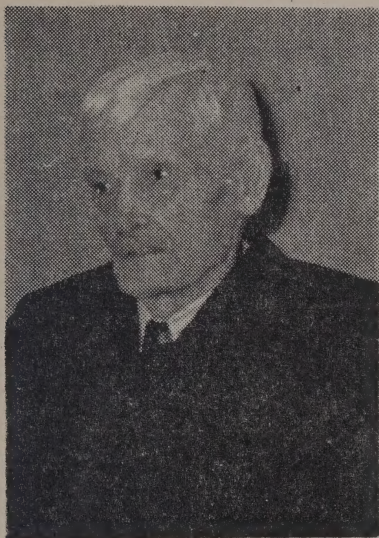


MARTIN COUNTY FARMING IN THOSE DAYS TOOK
STRONG BACKS, GOOD HORSES AND LONG HOURS
OF TOIL.

THE GOOD OLD HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS



Scene shows typical turn of the century Saturday in Fairmont. Buggies are parked where today new parking lot is located on North Main street between Second and Third streets. Pegleau building in the distance. The Fairmont Armory is now located just beyond pole at right front in picture.



(Upper left) Sam Bursell, 90. Resident of Martin County for 80 years.

(Lower Left) Old Fire House at Sherburn.

(Right) Man of the Gay 90's is Fairmont's Harry Chase, all dressed up in cut-away coat and derby. He chose the curved pipe to keep his whiskers from a singe.



EXPRESSING CENTENNIAL MOTIF

is Mrs. R. V. Hanson of Fairmont seated beside a mahogany spinning wheel hand-made in 1888. The jacket Mrs. Hanson is wearing is 125 years old, of solid jet beading. Jacket is owned by Mrs. Harry Canright.

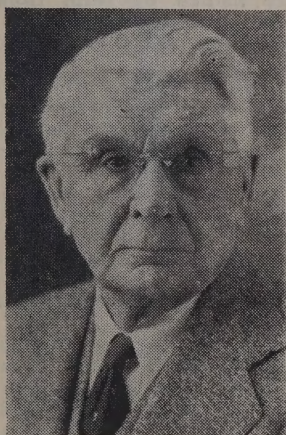
History of Martin County

Post Offices

By THE HONORABLE JULIUS E. HAYCRAFT

Fifty post offices have been established in Martin county. Of these, thirty-seven have been discontinued and two transferred to an adjoining county. Eleven exist and furnish the postal service of the county. The eleven are: Ceylon, Dunnell, Fairmont, Fox Lake, Granada, Monterey, Northrop, Sherburn, Triumph, Truman and Welcome.

The thirty-seven offices that have been discontinued are: Amber, Andrew Johnson, Belmont, Benoni, Bucephalia, Cadwell, Cedarville, Centre Chain, Center Creek, Colfax, Earl, East Chain Lakes, Handy, Hayes, Hillsborough, Horicon, Imogene, Lake Belt, Lily Creek, Lone Cedar, Lone Willow, Manyaska, May, Methven, Monroe, Nashville Center, Northstar, Ormsby, Pixley, Prairie Creek, Pleasant Prairie, Rose Lake, Rutland, Sperry, Tenhassen, Walnut Grove, Waverly, Westford and Wilbert.



JULIUS E. HAYCRAFT

Every township in the county has had one or more post offices within its boundries.

Two in entirety, six in part, covered the period of the Civil War. Twenty functioned during the Spanish-American War, while only the present eleven handled the news of World Wars I and II.

Letters were dispatched from these offices to foreign countries, and letters were received, with strange looking stamps attached and with addresses in German, Scandinavian and Polish script and the script of other countries. Letters carrying accounts of successes, of failures, of depressions and of flood times. Letters telling of the grasshopper scourge, of crazy weather, of deep snow, blocked roads and winter isolation. Then there were those giving accounts of births, marriages and deaths. Those containing assurances of eternal love and marriage proposals and acceptances. Letters depicting all the incidents of life, with all its pleasures, all its sadness and all its thrills.

Such is a very short history of the post offices, and all the post offices, of Martin county.

(See Inside Front Cover for Map of Old-Time Post Offices)

75th Anniversary Fairmont Daily Sentinel 1874 to 1949

The first issue of the Martin County Sentinel (now Fairmont Daily Sentinel) was printed July 3, 1874—just seventy-five years ago.

That was only 16 years after the first settler reached Martin county; 2 years before a railroad reached Martin county, and four years before Fairmont was incorporated as a village.

The grasshopper scourge was at its height and the county was passing through its darkest days. There was nothing to encourage a newspaper venture at that time but an unbounded faith in the future. That faith has been fully justified by the experiences and developments of the last three-quarters of a century.

The files of the Sentinel constitute a practically complete history of the county. It records the wonderful transition from a wilderness to one of the most splendid regions on God's earth.

Frank A. Day founded the Sentinel July 3, 1874, as a weekly, and it was twenty-five years later before the first daily edition was printed.

For the first two years of the paper's existence, until the railroad was built in Fairmont, paper, ink and other supplies were hauled by team from Mankato. Before coming to Minnesota at 21, Frank Day was one of the publishers of the Northern Iowa Vindicator at Estherville, Iowa. He learned the printing trade at Webster City, Iowa.

Another prominent figure, who helped mold the Fairmont Daily Sentinel and guide its destiny through the years, was Arthur M. Nelson, who became managing editor following Mr. Day's death in the late twenties. Mr. Nelson first became associated with the institution in 1904, and quickly learned the newspaper business under his able teacher, Mr. Day.

H. S. Fairley, who came from Minneapolis to join the Sentinel staff as news editor, became president of the company following Mr. Day's death, and served ably in that capacity until his death in 1938. Mr. Fairley's duties were taken over by Claude N. Swanson, who had been serving as advertising manager, and who is now the Sentinel's news editor.

Following Mr. Nelson's death in 1947, his son Uno was elected president of the corporation and managing editor.

The Sentinel first began publication on what was the "main drag" in the early days—Main Street. Remaining there but a few years it moved to a second floor location over the present Hyde Typewriter company store on West First street. The next move took it to the corner of North avenue and First street, where the Mocol grocery is now located. About the turn of the century the Sentinel settled in its present location on North avenue opposite the Fairmont Post Office.

In 1948 the company began an extensive remodeling program, which included the installation of a high-speed, 16-page Goss rotary press. The entire building has been modernized, with the inclusion of air-conditioning.

During the past seventy-five years, The Sentinel has seen and undergone many changes. From its half dozen early-day employees, including Frank Day, Malcolm Aldrich, "Vic" Burdick and Frank Whitney, it now employs thirty persons full time, not including the dozen or more rural correspondents and newsboys.

Many new faces now grace the Sentinel staff, and the only employees who could still be classified as "old-timers" include Claude N. Swanson, news editor; Leonard Patsche, make-up department; Joe Christian, linotype machinist, and Henry Rettke, who came to the Sentinel following many years of employment with the Martin County Independent.

The tremendous growth and development of Martin county has been recorded in the pages of the Fairmont Sentinel, and the men and women who were a part of this newspaper have played their part in encouraging and promoting the many good and worthwhile things for which Martin county is famous.



- Churches*
 1. Episcopal
 2. Congregational
 3. Methodist
 4. School House
 5. S. M. R. W. Depot
 6. Victoria Flour & Grist Mill
 7. Cheese Factory

FAIRMONT

MARTIN, CO. MINNESOTA, 1879.

FROM POSITION NORTH EAST OF TOWN.

Fairmont Printing Co., Fairmont, Minn.

8. Court House Grounds
 9. Occidental Hotel, J. H. Ray, Prop.
 10. Fairmont House, W. S. Shaw
 11. Older House, J. W. Older
 12. Bank of Fairmont
 13. Sentinel Printing Office
 14. Post Office
 15. Ward & Cadwell's Lumber Yard
 16. Fairmont Livery

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